

a leader in both the private and public sectors in managing large endeavors. Anne Lewis has a tremendous sense of the concerns of working Americans. I am honored that all four of them will be joining my administration.”

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for an Assistant Secretary of Labor

May 17, 1993

The President announced his intention to nominate John Donahue to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy. Donahue is an associate professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and an economic and strategy consultant.

“John Donahue is a leading expert on the relationship between business and Government,” said the President. “He and Secretary Reich have worked together productively in the past, and I am confident that they will work together now to create policies aimed at giving our country the most productive, best trained work force in the world.”

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Remarks and a Question-and-Answer Session at Los Angeles Valley College in Van Nuys, California

May 18, 1993

The President. Thank you very much. I'm delighted to see all of you here, and I'm glad to have the chance to come. I've had a great time touring some of the facilities and seeing some of the programs that are offered here at this college and meeting some of your fellow students. Everybody here is a student, right?

Audience members. Yes!

The President. Everybody back there? I'm glad to see your president, your chancellor who are here, and Mayor Bradley I see back there. Thank you for coming. And I see we have a number of Members of Congress back there. If you've got anything to ask your Congressman, we've got four or five

options back there. Will the Members of Congress stand up? Walter and Xavier and Tony Beilenson, Congressmen, it's good to see you all.

I see several State officials back there—the secretary of state, the State comptroller, the insurance commissioner, Michael Woo, Councilman Michael Woo, my friend, a candidate for mayor. Good for you. Good luck.

That “woo” is interesting, isn't it? Makes a good cheer. I like it.

I want to say to all of you, first of all, I am delighted to be back in California; glad to be back in Los Angeles and to Van Nuys and—[*applause*]. Yesterday I was in New Mexico, and I was at Los Alamos, and I said Los Angeles. They all hooted. So I promised them when I got here I'd say I was glad to be in Los Alamos. So there, I did it. [*Laughter*]

I came here for a very specific purpose today, and that is to try to illustrate what the economic efforts that our administration is making will do for you and how your efforts—can we fix this—

[*At this point the microphone malfunctioned.*]

—in the work we're doing to try to turn the California economy around. And I thought that there was really no better place to come than to a college like this where all the people here have already, by definition, taken responsibility for your own future and made a real commitment to do what it takes to be competitive, to develop the skills you need to get a good job, to keep good jobs, and to learn new skills continuously.

I met a very impressive man inside who has got a full-time job, as many of you do, who has been coming back here on his own just to continue to hone his skills, because he says, “What I do requires me to change over and over and over again. So I will always be able to have a good job.” And, this is funny, when I was talking to Dan Palmer, who introduced me, he told me that before he was married and began to have children, he was a musician. And he realized that that's not a very solid basis for having job security.